Sl. No.	District	Number of Schools
20.	Karimnagar	293
21.	Warangal	275
22.	Khammam	202
23.	Nalgonda	280
	TOTAL:	5000

UNESCO's report on goal of total literacy

332. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UNESCO's "Education for All Global Monitoring Report, 2007" paints a poor picture of the manner in which the goal of total literacy is being taken up by various countries including our country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in our country nearly 70 lakh children are out of school and our country is among the 17 countries where survival for boys is higher than girls in primary education; and

(c) if so, the steps Government proposes to take to improve literacy scene in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) As per UNESCO's Education for All Global Monitoring Report, 2007, the largest number of out of school children in 2004 were in Nigeria, Pakistan, India and Ethiopia. However, report has also indicated that the number of out of school children in India has come down from 1,51,36,000 in 2002 to 45,83,000 in 2004.

(b) The number of out of school children has sharply declined from 4.4 crore in 2001 to 0.76 crore in March, 2007. As compare to drop-out rate of 31.8 per cent for boys, at primary level, the girls have a lower drop-out rate of 25 per cent as per data 2004-05.

(c) A multi-pronged approach has been adopted to improve literacy in the country through various programmes such as Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid-day Meal Scheme. Functional literacy is being imparted through Total Literacy Campaign (TLC), Post Literacy Programme (PLP) and Continuing Education Programme (CEP) to adult illiterates in the 15-35 age group.

Removing imbalance in technical education

†333. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to remove imbalance in technical education in order to make the country a super power by 2020;

(b) whether 70 per cent of the students receiving engineering degree come from Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.